

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

BRYAN VELAZQUEZ, *on behalf of himself
and all others similarly situated,*

Plaintiff,

-v.-

BALLARD DESIGNS, INC.,

Defendant.

22 Civ. 9225 (JHR)

ORDER

JENNIFER H. REARDEN, District Judge:

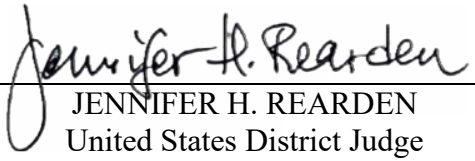
Plaintiff alleges that Defendant's website is not accessible to blind and visually impaired customers and, thus, violates Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA"), 42 U.S.C. § 12181 *et seq.* By separate Order today, the Court is referring this case to the assigned Magistrate Judge for General Pretrial Purposes, including settlement.

In addition, to conserve resources, to promote judicial efficiency, and in an effort to achieve a faster disposition of this matter, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties must discuss whether they are willing to consent, under 28 U.S.C. § 636(c), to conducting all further proceedings before the assigned Magistrate Judge. If all parties so consent, counsel shall file on ECF a fully executed Notice, Consent, and Reference of a Civil Action to a Magistrate Judge form, available at <https://www.nysd.uscourts.gov/forms/consent-proceed-us-magistrate-judge>.

If the parties do so, and the Court so orders the form, all further proceedings will then be conducted before the assigned Magistrate Judge rather than before the undersigned. There will be no adverse consequences if the parties do not consent to proceed before the Magistrate Judge.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: January 19, 2023
New York, New York


JENNIFER H. REARDEN
United States District Judge